



7 YEARS
A POW
IN HANOI!

THE TRUE STORY
OF A U.S. PILOT
AND HIS WIFE!

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In the Presence of Mine Enemies

YOU WILL WRITE
A CONFESSION OR
YOU WILL DIE!!!

WHAT
IS YOUR
CHOICE?

HERE
IT
IS!

DEATH

cc
Hawley



AMERICA WAITED 7 YEARS FOR THIS STORY!

AND IT'S **TRUE!** THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS!

**WAR!
SUFFERING!
TORTURE!**



AND THEN :

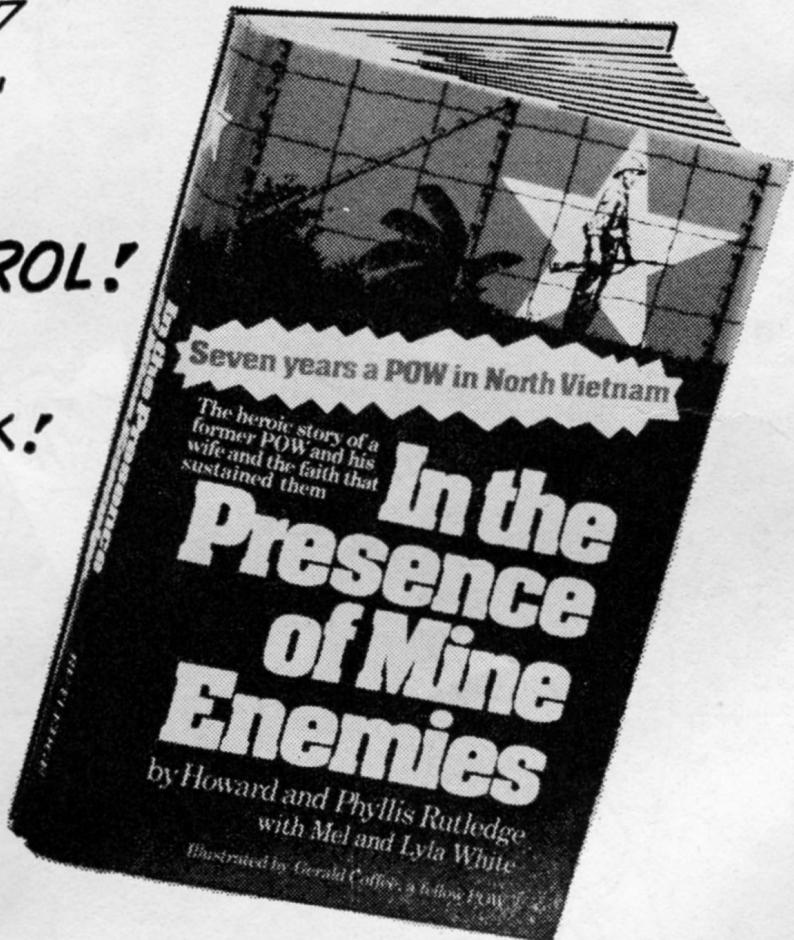
**PEACE!
VICTORY!
FREEDOM!**



THIS DRAMATIC
TRUE STORY
DIDN'T "JUST HAPPEN."
PRAYER AND FAITH
PLAYED A PART!
GOD WAS IN CONTROL!

YOU CAN READ **ALL**
THE EXCITING DETAILS
IN THE COMPLETE BOOK!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1965 ---
PHYLLIS RUTLEDGE AND HER
CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CHURCH ---

HURRY!

WE'LL
BE
LATE!

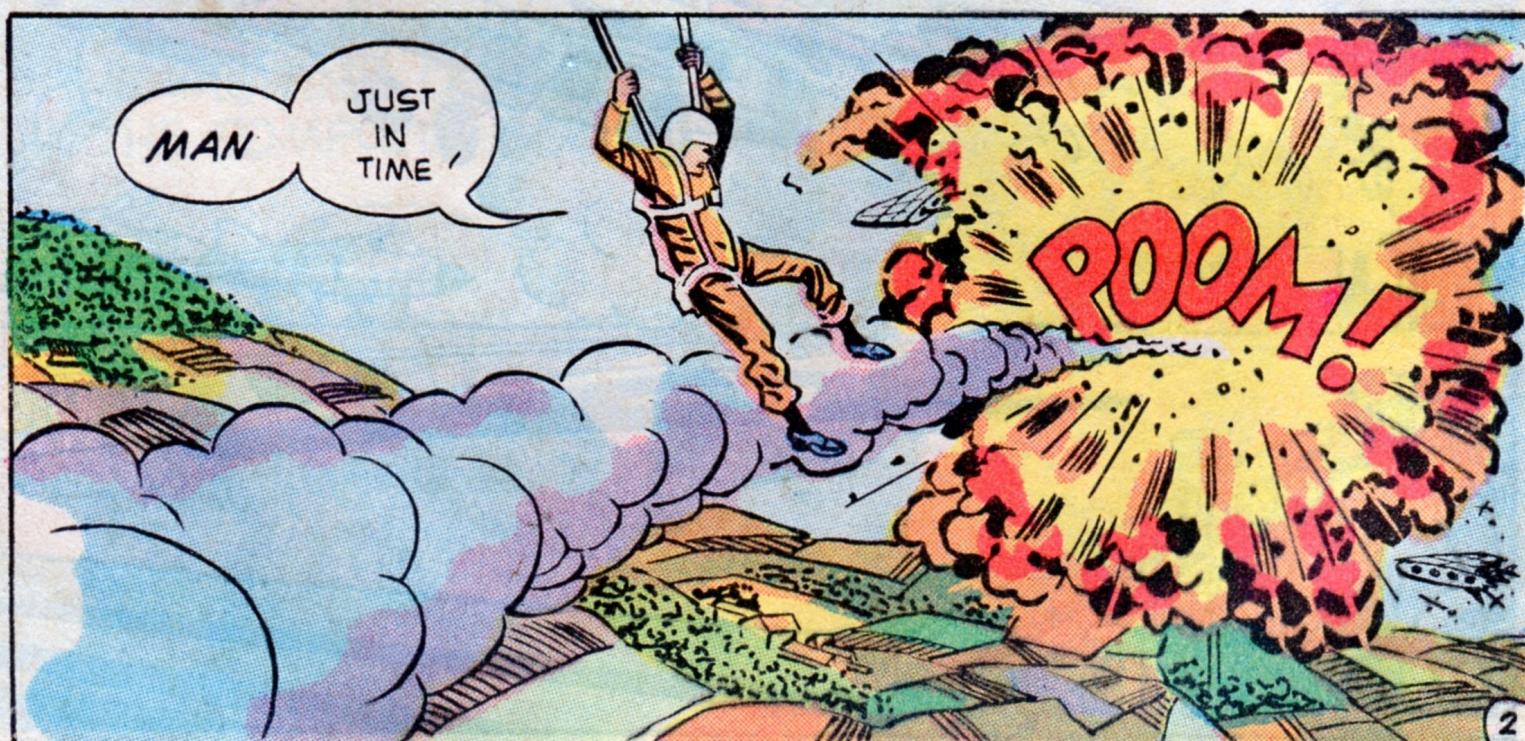
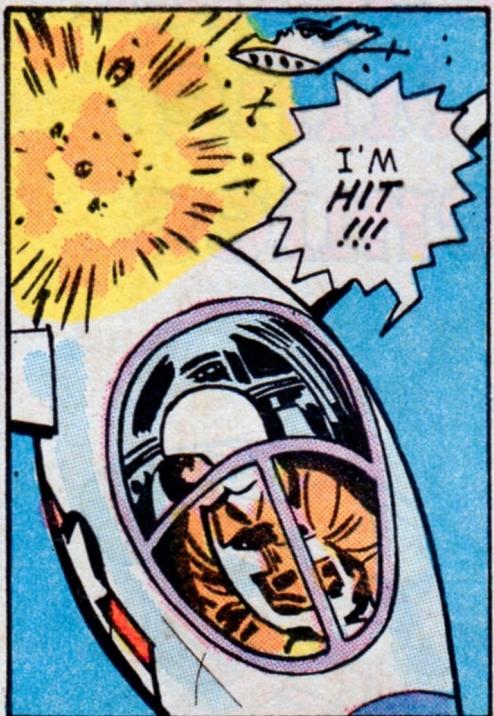


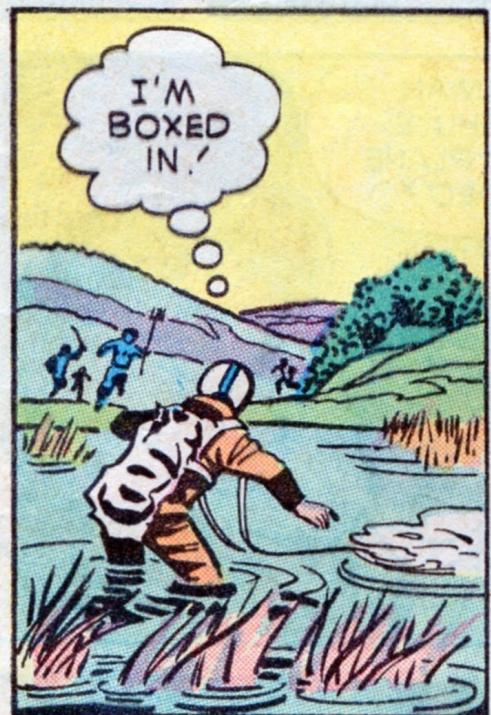
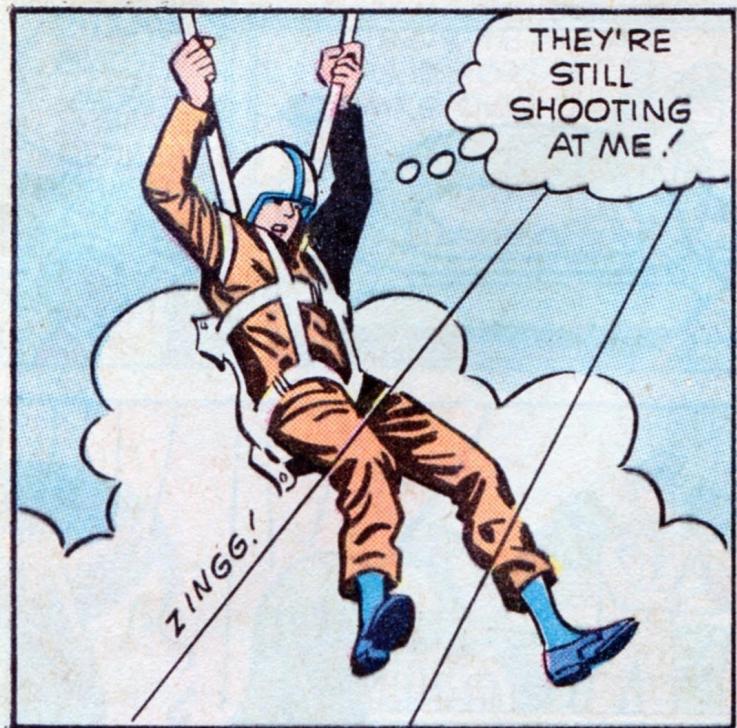
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AND HALF WAY AROUND THE
WORLD, HER HUSBAND HOWARD
LEAVES ---

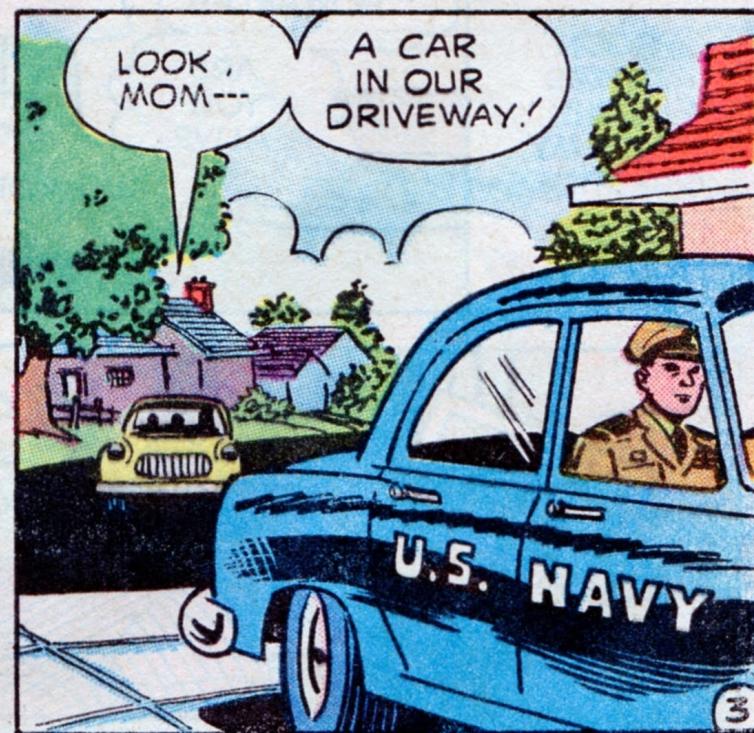
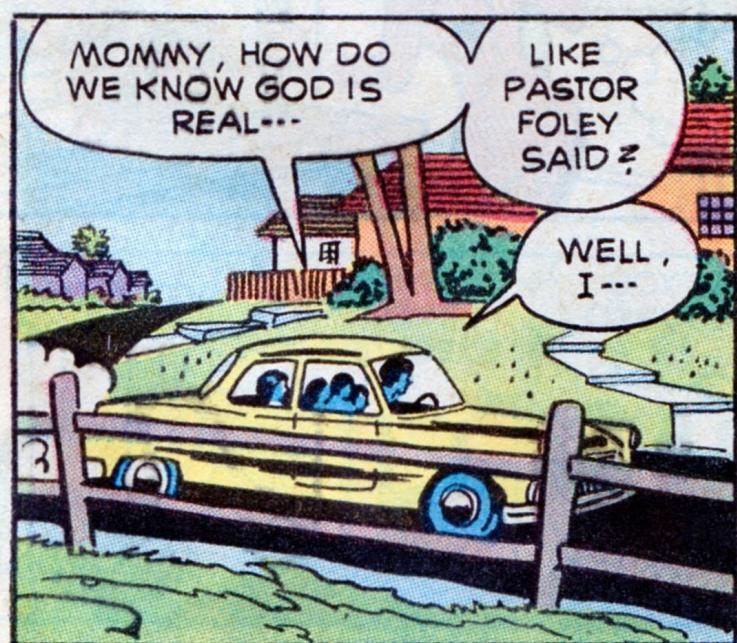
ON A DIFFERENT
KIND OF MISSION .



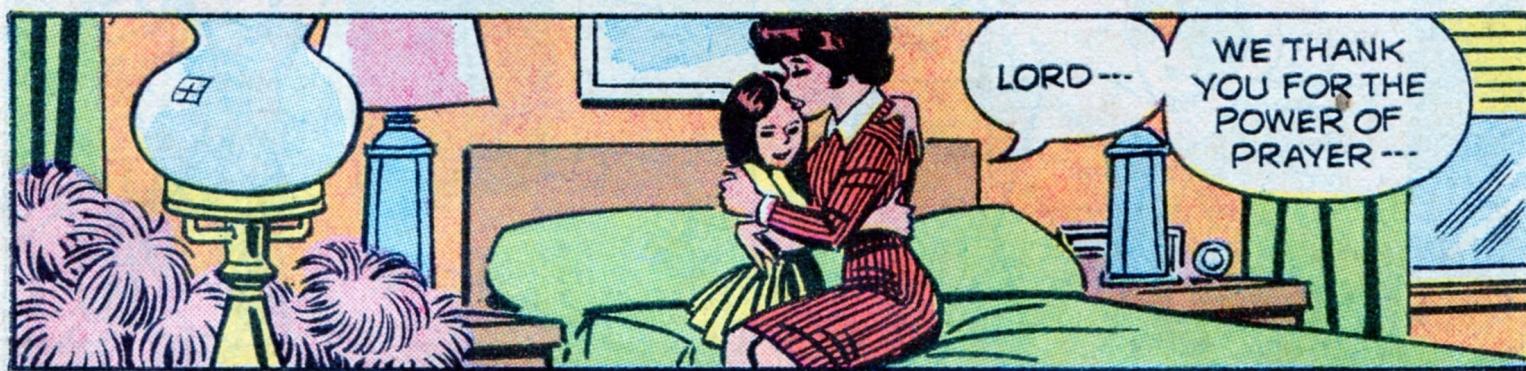




BACK IN CALIFORNIA, PHYLLIS RUTLEDGE RETURNS FROM CHURCH---





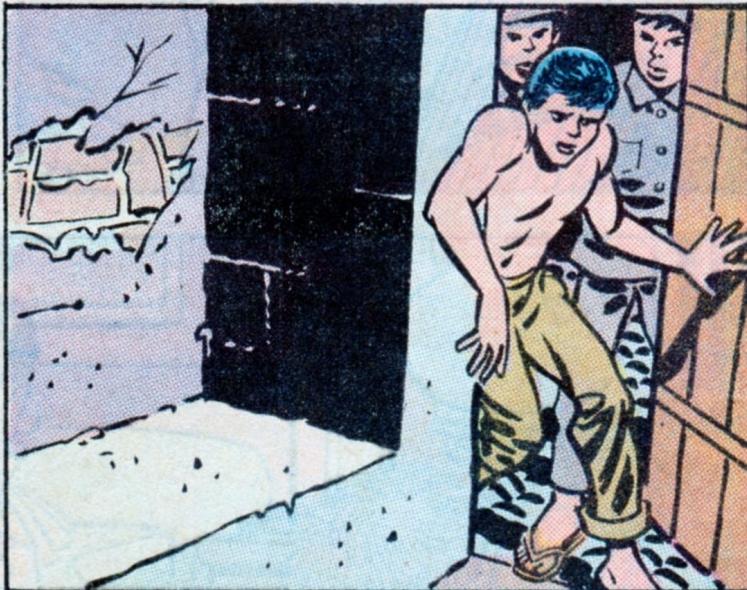


A
NEW
"GUEST"
ARRIVES
AT THE
HANOI
HILTON!



AND IS ESCORTED TO HIS ROOM---

3 X 6 FEET ... 120° HEAT...
NO AIR CONDITIONER!



AND NO
DANGER
OF
FALLING
OUT OF
THE CEMENT
BED!



ROOM
SERVICE
FEATURES
THE WORLD'S
MOST EXOTIC
MENU...
SEAWEED
SOUP AND
SEWER
GREENS!!!

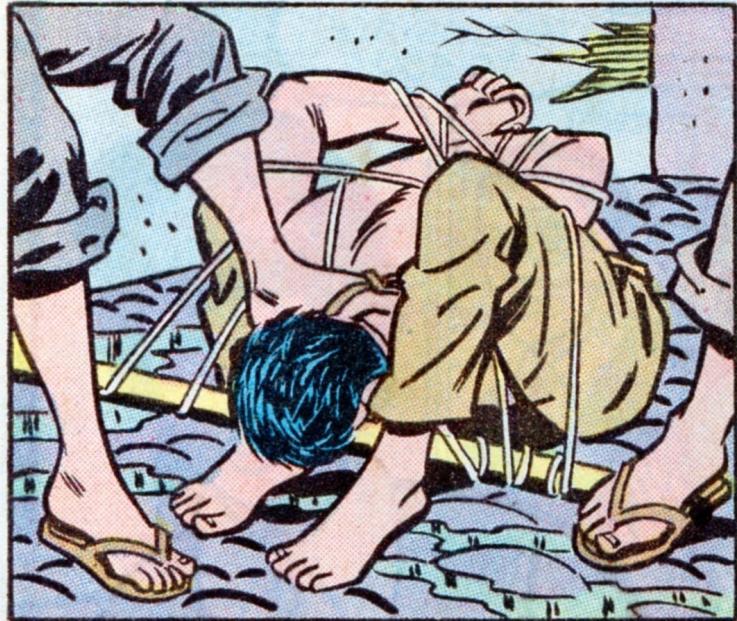


AND THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR
IS A REAL EAGER BEAVER!



EVERYTHING WAS DESIGNED TO
BREAK OUR SPIRIT ---

--- TO MAKE US TOOLS OF ENEMY
PROPAGANDA !



THE
BRUTALITY
OF
TORTURE
AND
SOLITARY
IS
DEVASTATING
!!!



AT FIRST YOU PANIC !
YOU WANT TO CRY OUT !

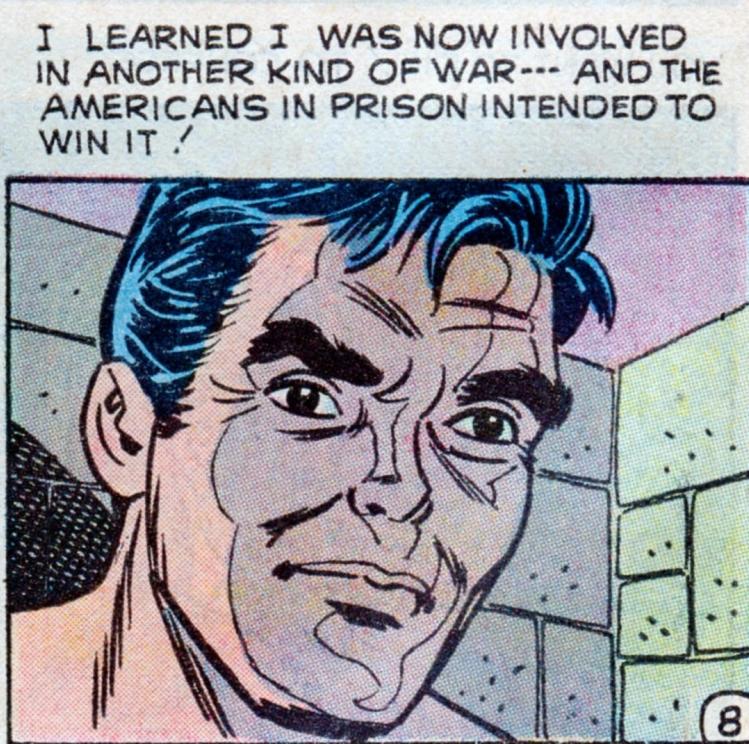
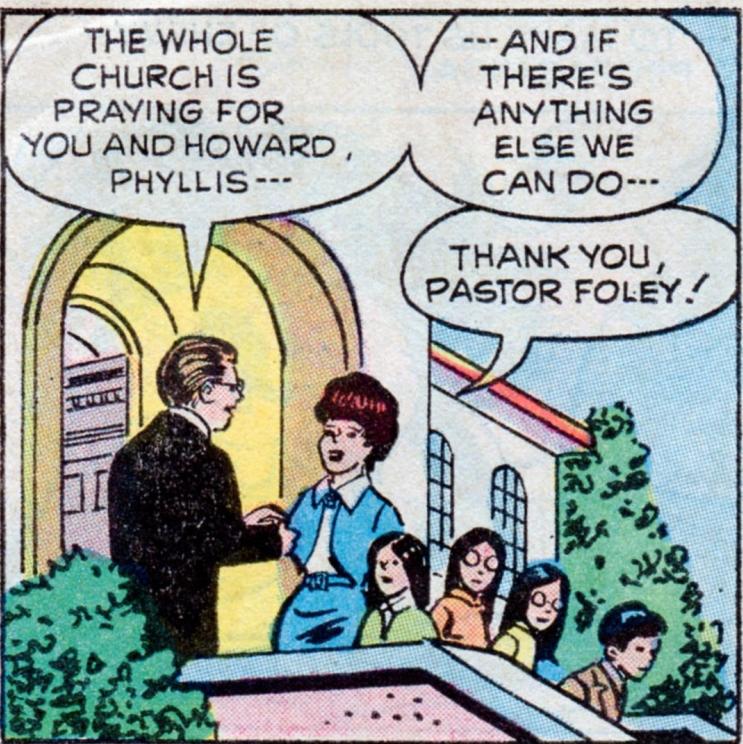


YOU WANT TO DIE ! TO CONFESS !



TO DO ANYTHING TO GET OUT OF THAT
FOUL EVER-SHRINKING WORLD !





WE
WERE
ORGANIZED
TO
RESIST
THE
ENEMY!



I
MEMORIZED
THE NAME
AND SERIAL
NUMBER OF
EVERY
AMERICAN
PRISONER'

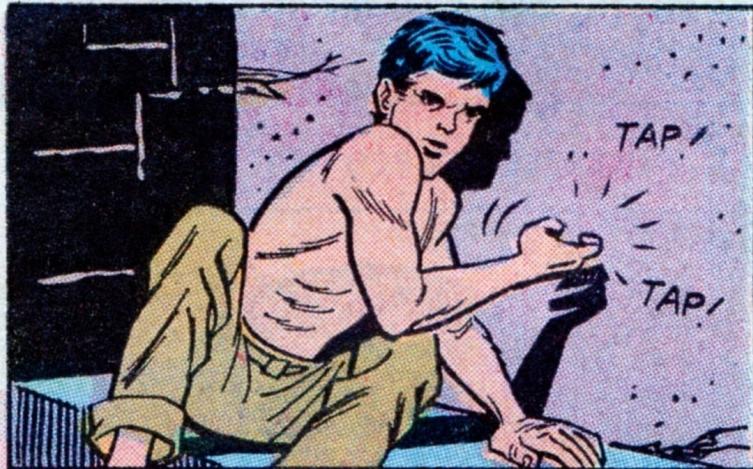


I ALSO
LEARNED
THAT
AMERICANS
WERE
FORBIDDEN
TO
COMMUNICATE---



THE ENEMY KNEW IF HE COULD
ISOLATE A MAN --- MAKE HIM FEEL
CUT OFF --- FORGOTTEN --- HE COULD
EASILY BREAK HIS SPIRIT!

BUT IN SPITE OF PUNISHMENT AND ALL
KINDS OF OBSTACLES, AMERICANS
THROUGHOUT THE PRISON WERE IN
ALMOST CONSTANT CONTACT!!!



WE
NEEDED
EACH
OTHER!

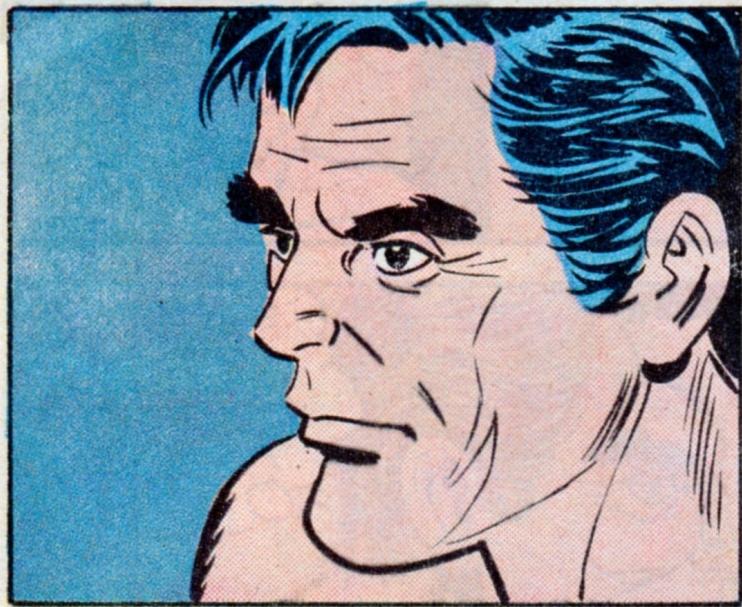
AND SO WE
COMMUNICATED
IN EVERY
POSSIBLE WAY!

TAPPING OUT OUR
CODE BY FINGER---
ELBOW--- SANDAL---
BROOM---

EVEN A
COUGH COULD
CARRY A
MESSAGE!!!



THE EASIEST THING WAS TO GIVE UP - BUT OUR COUNTRY NEVER TAUGHT US THAT.'



SO WE FOUGHT TO STAY ALIVE AND FIGHT BACK.'



THE FOOD WAS NAUSEATING---BUT IT WAS ALL WE HAD SO WE ATE IT.'



WE EXERCISED DAILY, EVERY WAY WE COULD'



WE EXERCISED OUR MINDS, TOO! THAT'S WHERE THE MAIN BATTLE TOOK PLACE!



I BUILT FIVE HOUSES THAT WAY.'



AND I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF REFLECTION---

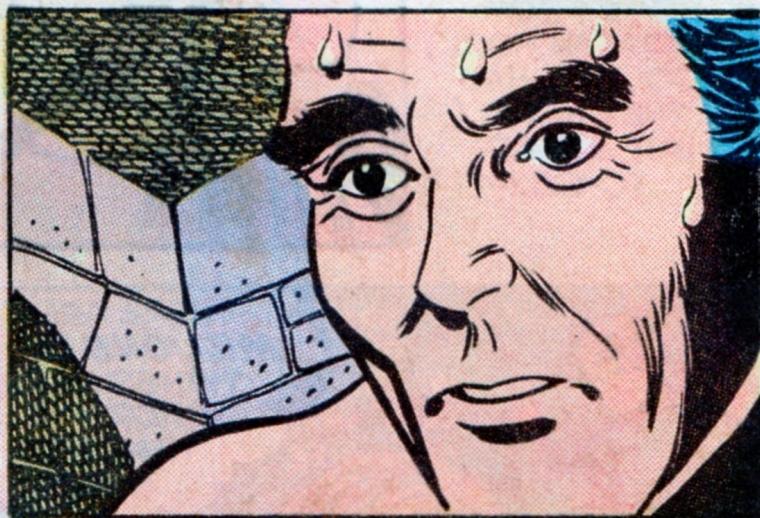
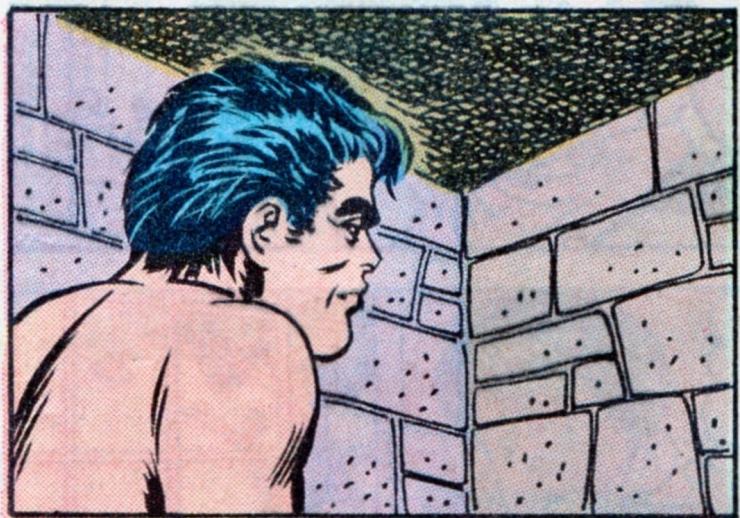


WHEN
I WAS
FREE,
I WAS
CONSTANTLY
DEALING
WITH
THE
WORLD
OUTSIDE!



SUDDENLY THAT WAS GONE AND
I WAS FORCED TO DEAL WITH
THE WORLD **INSIDE**!

BUT I HAD COMPLETELY NEGLECTED
THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION OF MY
LIFE!



IT'S TAKEN
THIS PRISON TO
SHOW ME HOW EMPTY
LIFE IS WITHOUT
GOD!



BOTH OF US GREW UP IN SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOMES. WE WERE IN CHURCH EVERY TIME THE DOORS OPENED!



BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED AFTER WE WERE MARRIED ---



AS A BOY I WOULD HAVE STAYED HOME FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL, TOO, IF I HAD THE CHOICE, BUT I HAD TO GO!!!



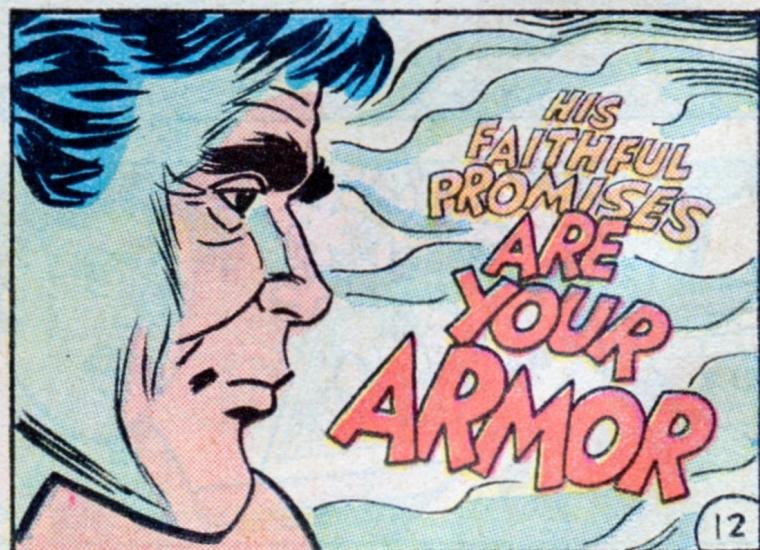
JESUS SAID:
I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

THERE ARE MILLIONS OF THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BIBLE!



BUT NOW, IN MY DARK CELL **NOTHING** WAS MORE IMPORTANT!

AND THE WORD OF GOD THAT SEEMED SO BORING YEARS AGO, CAME BACK TO ME IN ALL ITS POWER AND TRUTH!





OTHER PRISONERS
WERE ALSO
REDISCOVERING
THEIR FAITH.
TOGETHER WE
REMEMBERED
HUNDREDS OF
BIBLE VERSES.



WE WERE DETERMINED TO RESIST
OUR ENEMY AND TO OVERCOME THE
POWER OF DEATH ALL AROUND US.



...THEY NEED ANTI-WAR
STATEMENTS FOR THEIR
PROPAGANDA!



WE ENDED EVERY MESSAGE
WITH: RWH SWD GBY!

RELEASE
WITH
HONOR... STICK
WITH
DICK... GOD
BLESS
YOU!



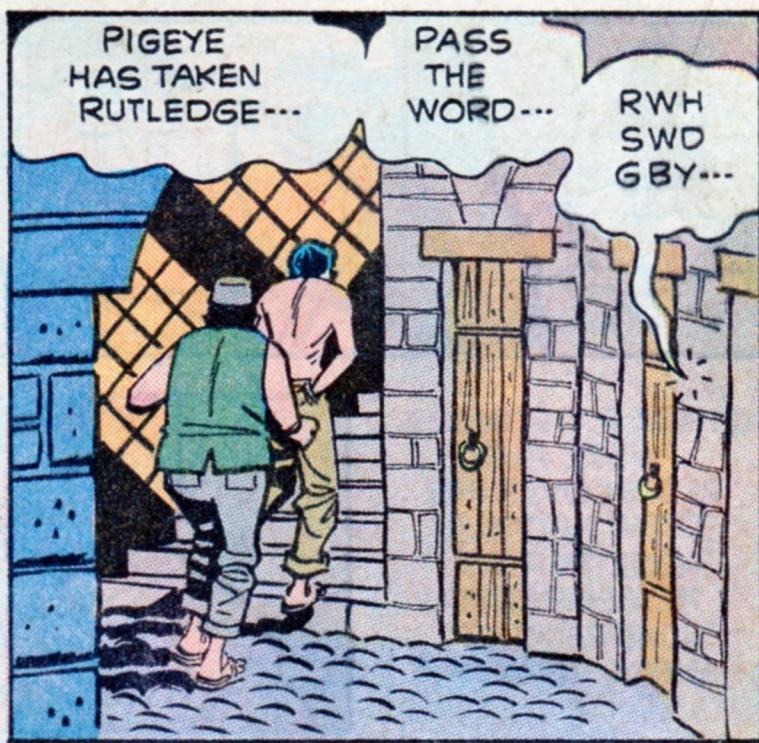
CAPTAIN, YOU
WILL MAKE A
STATEMENT FOR
RADIO HANOI'



PIGEYE
HAS TAKEN
RUTLEDGE...

PASS
THE
WORD...

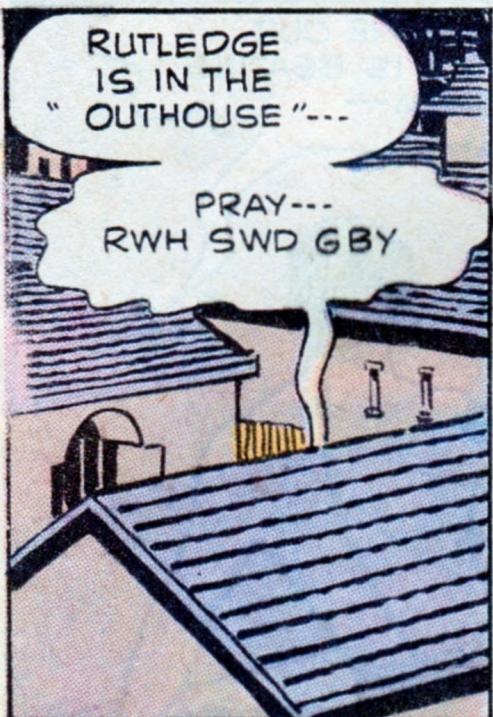
RWH
SWD
GBY...



RUTLEDGE
IS IN THE
"OUTHOUSE"...

PRAY---
RWH SWD GBY

WE WILL GIVE YOU
TIME TO THINK
THINGS OVER---



THEY LEFT ME BOUND
LIKE THAT FOR TEN DAYS -
SITTING IN MY OWN
EXCREMENT,
AND THEN---



HERE---

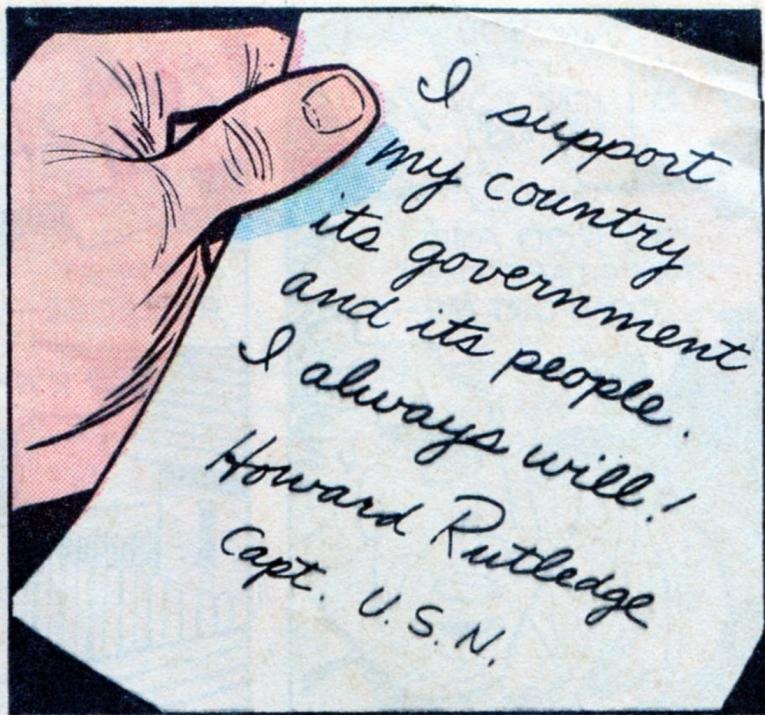
WRITE---

THE
EXERCISE
WILL FEEL
GOOD!



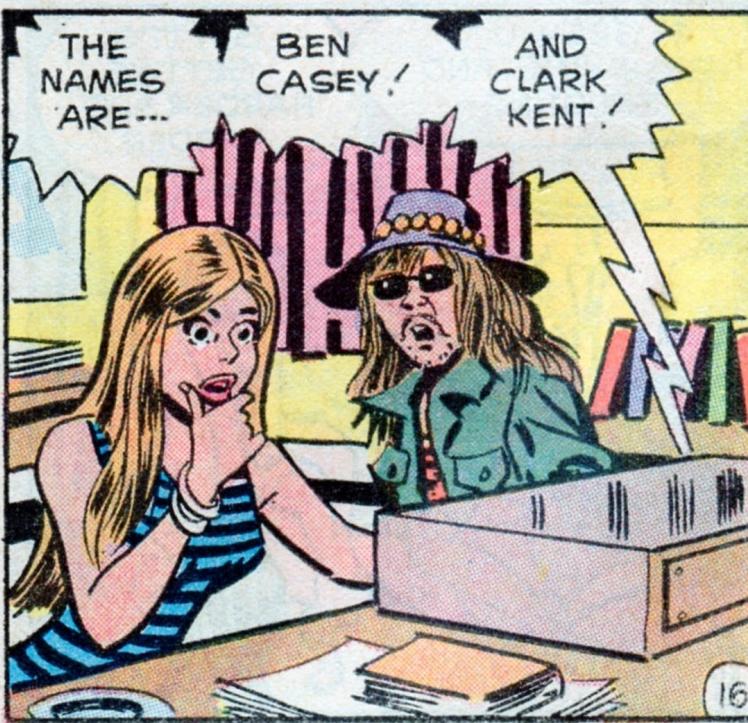
YOU ARE
WISE TO DO
AS WE SAY!







Y---
YES---



THE ENEMY GOT MANY "CONFESIONS" THAT BLEW UP IN THEIR FACES! AND **MORE** BOMBS WERE COMING!!!

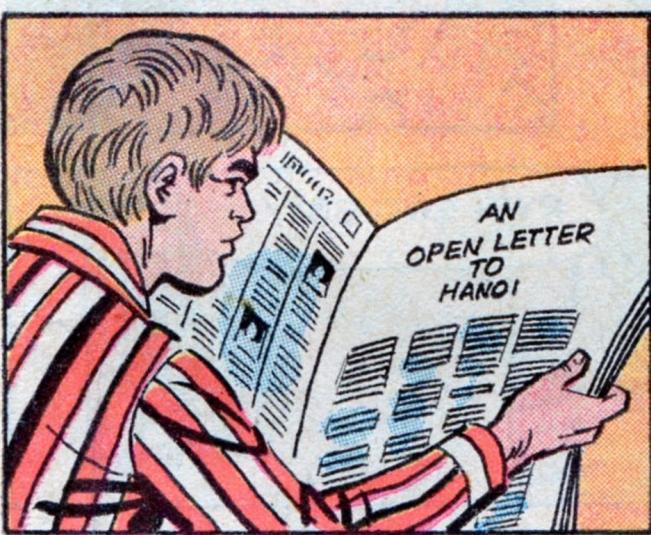


IN PRISON WE KNEW NOTHING OF THE BRACELETS AND BUMPER-STICKERS THAT KEPT OUR PLIGHT BEFORE THE PUBLIC---



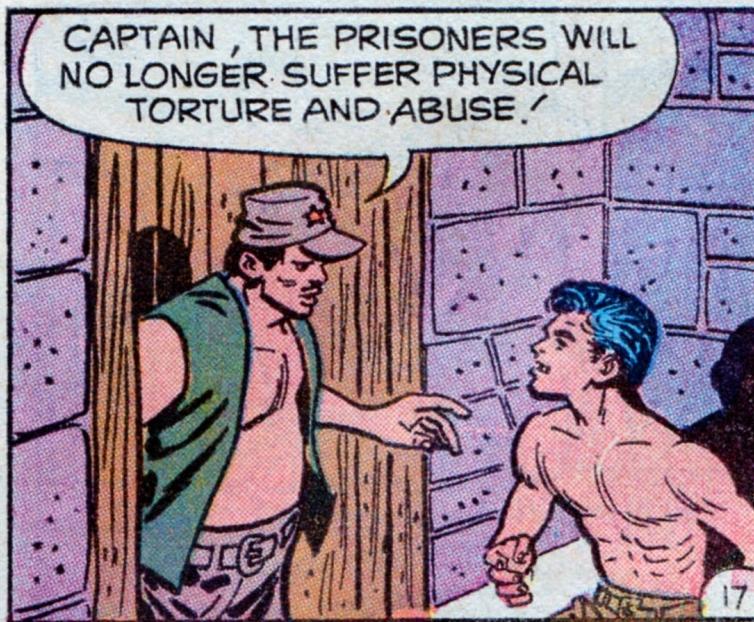
HANOI TOLD US A LOT ABOUT ANTI-WAR ACTIVITY, BUT NOTHING ABOUT THE MANY GROUPS THAT WORKED SO HARD FOR US /

BUT HANOI FELT THE PRESSURE OF THE POW AND MIA GROUPS!



AND LITTLE BY LITTLE WE NOTICED CHANGES TAKING PLACE!

HANOI COULD READ THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL ---



I ... I HAVE CONFESSED
MY SIN TO THE PARTY
AND THE PEOPLE !



SO PIGEYE
BECAME
A
SCAPEGOAT
FOR
COMMUNIST
INHUMANITY !
AFTER HIS
STRANGE
CONFESION
WE NEVER
SAW HIM
AGAIN !

I HAD TO GET THE NEWS OUT
QUICKLY ! THE ENEMY WAS STILL
USING THE **THREAT** OF TORTURE
TO USE US FOR PROPAGANDA !

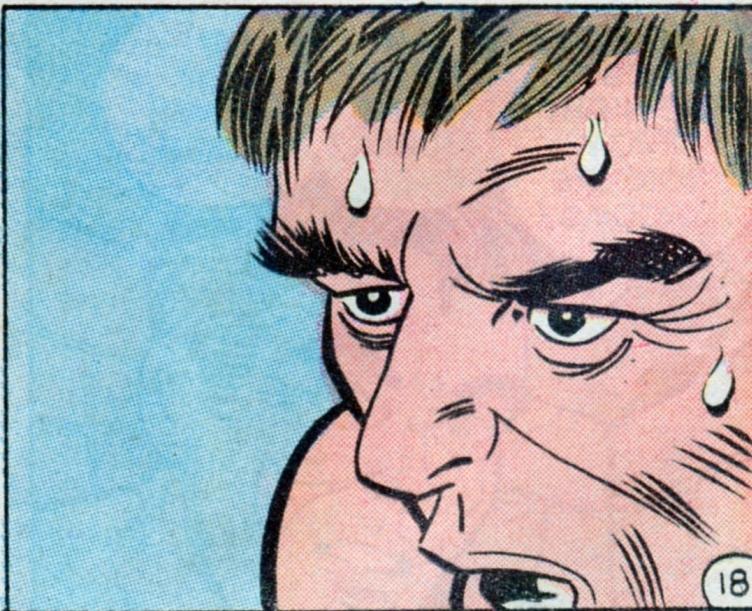
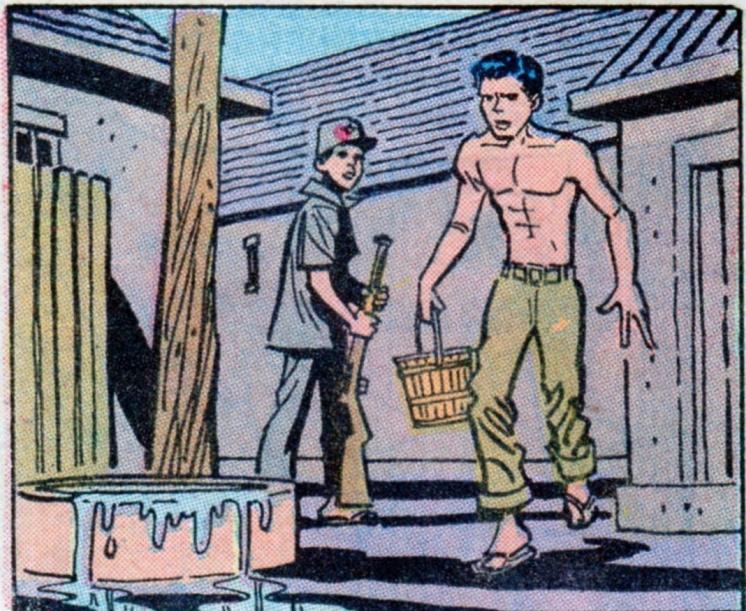


IT'S NOT ALL
ANTI-WAR AT
HOME !
PEOPLE ARE
SUPPORTING
US !

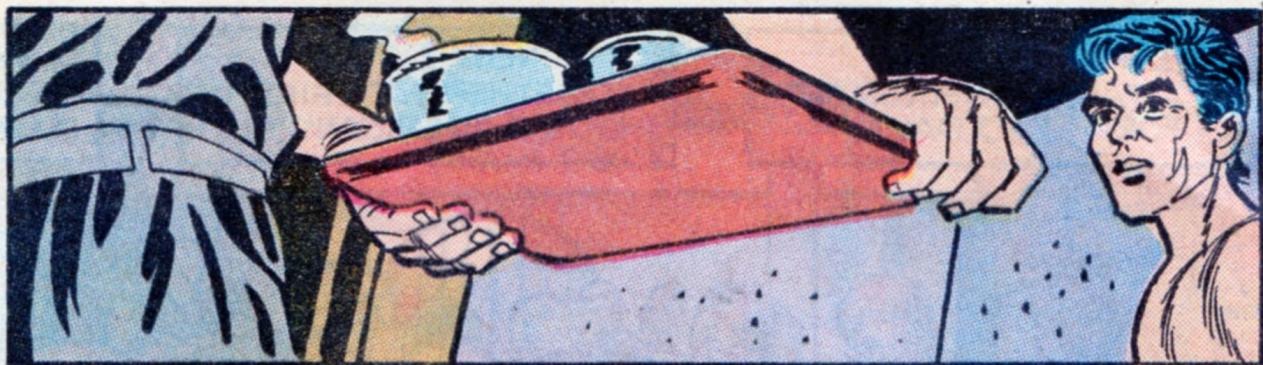


WE HAD ALL LOST CONSIDERABLE
WEIGHT ! EVERYONE SUFFERED
MALNUTRITION, DYSENTERY ...

SOME BODIES WERE SO RAVAGED,
MEN PULLED WORMS FROM THEIR
throats !



BUT
NOW WE
BEGAN TO
GET BETTER
FOOD -
AND MORE
OF IT!

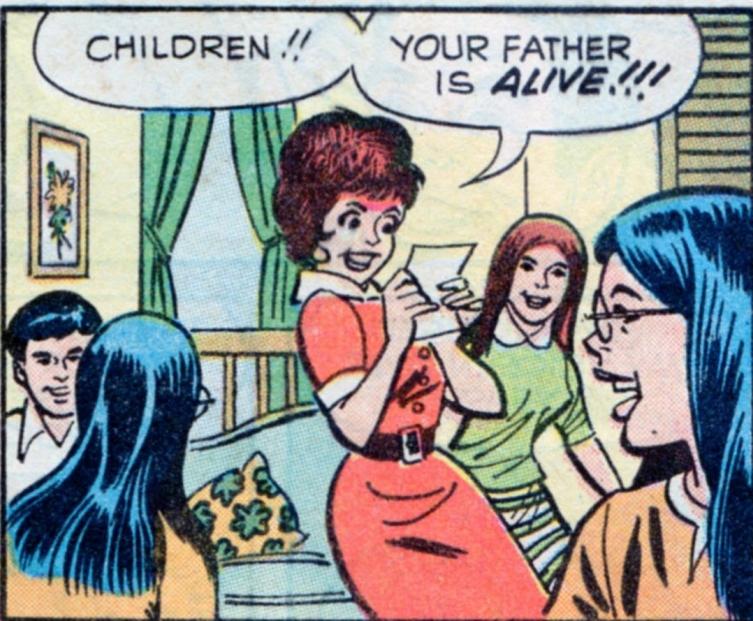


AND ON A VERY RARE OCCASION---



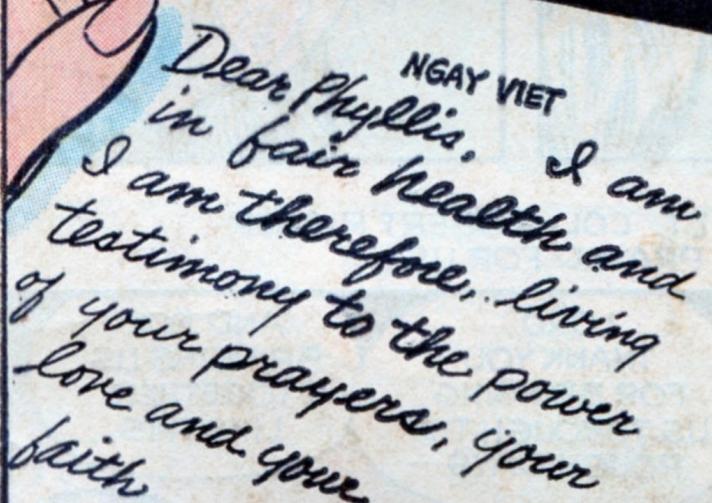
UNITY
ABOVE
SELF

FINALLY, AFTER FIVE YEARS
OF SILENCE---

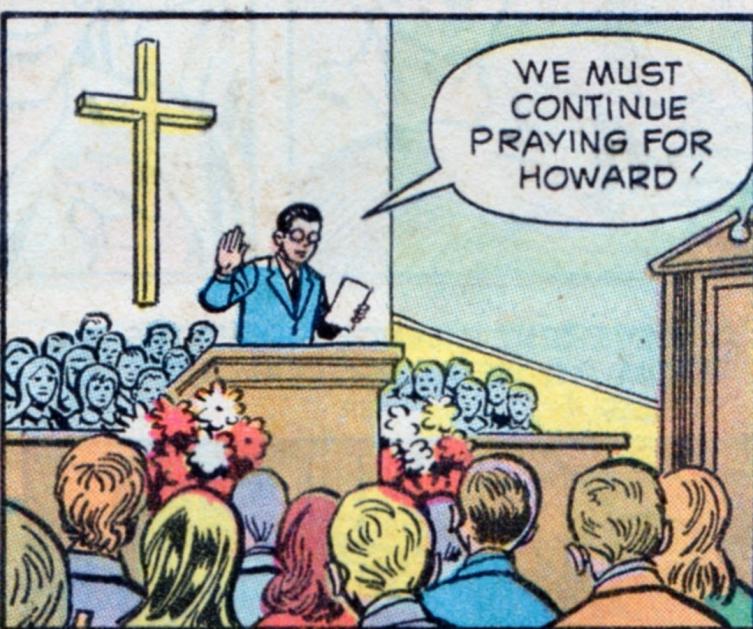


IT'S HIS
HANDWRITING!

OH,
THANK
GOD!



PASTOR FOLEY READ MY LETTER
FROM THE PULPIT ---



CONDITIONS
CONTINUED TO
IMPROVE!!!

THEY'RE PUTTING
ALL AIR CREWS
TOGETHER IN ONE
CELL BLOCK!



I HAD BEEN IN
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT
FOR 1,740 DAYS!

NOW I WAS
TOGETHER WITH FIFTY
OTHER AMERICANS!

WHAT A
CELEBRATION
WE HAD!



I HAVEN'T USED
MY VOICE IN OVER
A YEAR!

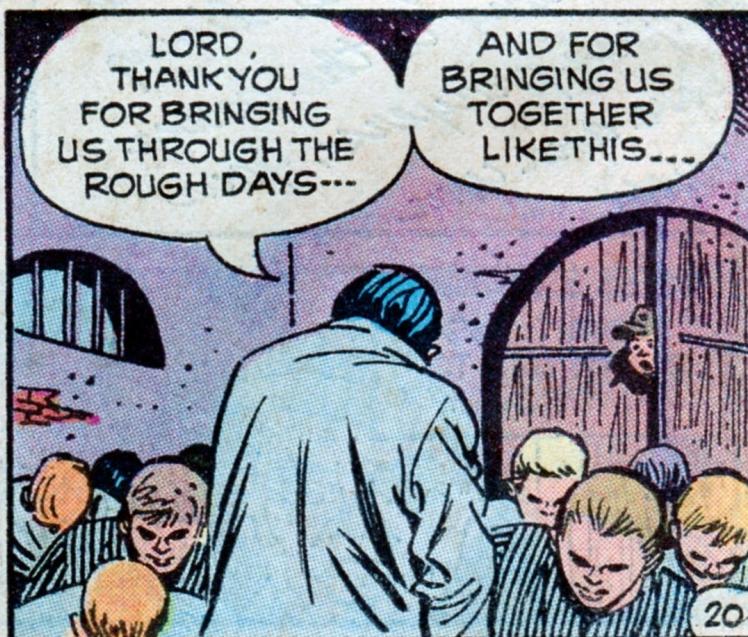
I KNOW THE BEST
WAY FOR ALL OF US
TO USE OUR
VOICES---

LET'S HAVE A
WORSHIP SERVICE!



A REVERENT SILENCE FILLED THE
ROOM AS WE ALL GOT ON OUR
KNEES!

LT. COL. ROBERT RISNER
PRAYED FOR US ---



LORD,
THANK YOU
FOR BRINGING
US THROUGH THE
ROUGH DAYS---

AND FOR
BRINGING US
TOGETHER
LIKETHIS---

AND
THEN
MAJOR
NORMAN
MC DANIEL
PREACHED
THE
SERMON---



AND WE
DON'T HAVE A
HYMN BOOK---

BUT WE'VE
GOT THE
LORD!

RIGHT
!!!

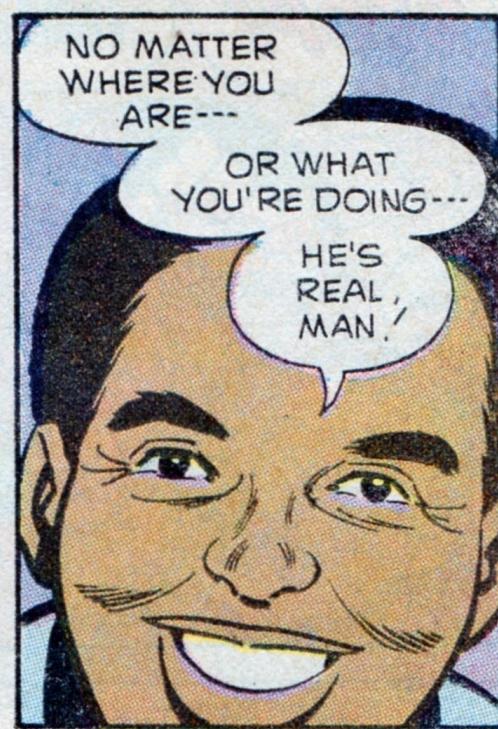


HE'S
BEEN
HERE---
JUST
LIKE
HE
PROMISED--
AND
HIS
PROMISES
ARE
TRUTH!

WE'VE LEARNED FIRST-
HAND THAT JESUS IS A
COMFORTER, A FRIEND
AND A SAVIOR!

NO MATTER
WHERE YOU
ARE---
OR WHAT
YOU'RE DOING---

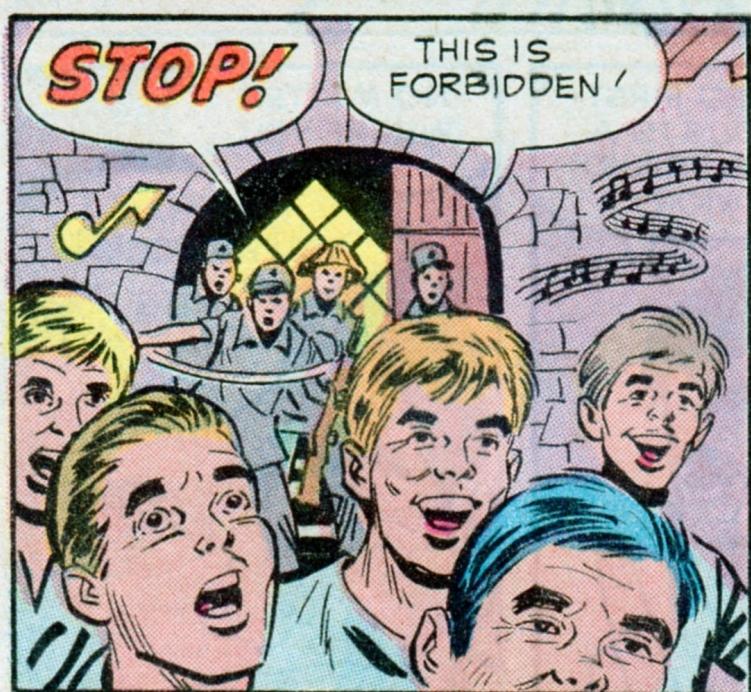
HE'S
REAL,
MAN!



LORD, WE
THANK YOU FOR
GIVING US
VICTORY---

AND FOR
MAKING US
BROTHERS IN
CHRIST!

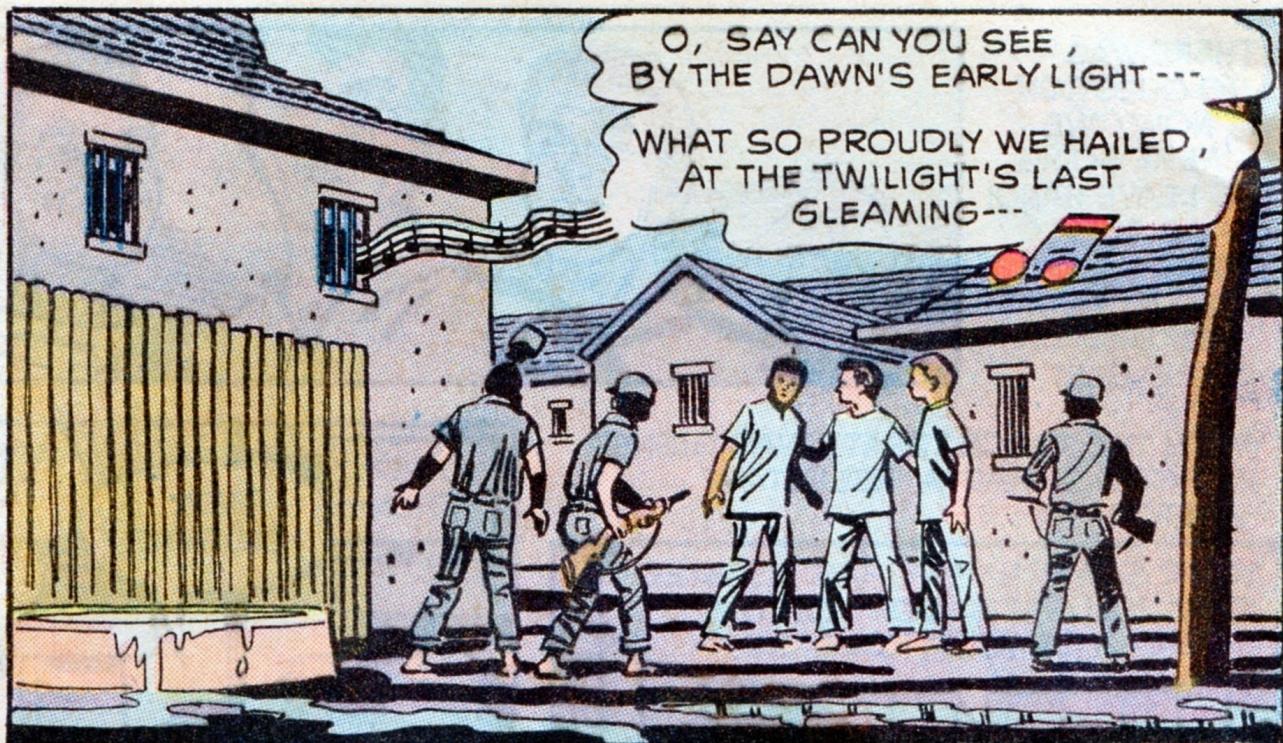




WE WERE HERDED INTO THE COURTYARD. MEMORIES OF PAST TORTURE WERE VIVID IN OUR MINDS!



AS WE
AWAITED
OUR FATE,
SOMEONE
IN CELL-
BLOCK 7
BEGAN
TO SING
THE
STAR
SPANGLED
BANNER---



OTHERS JOINED IN ---

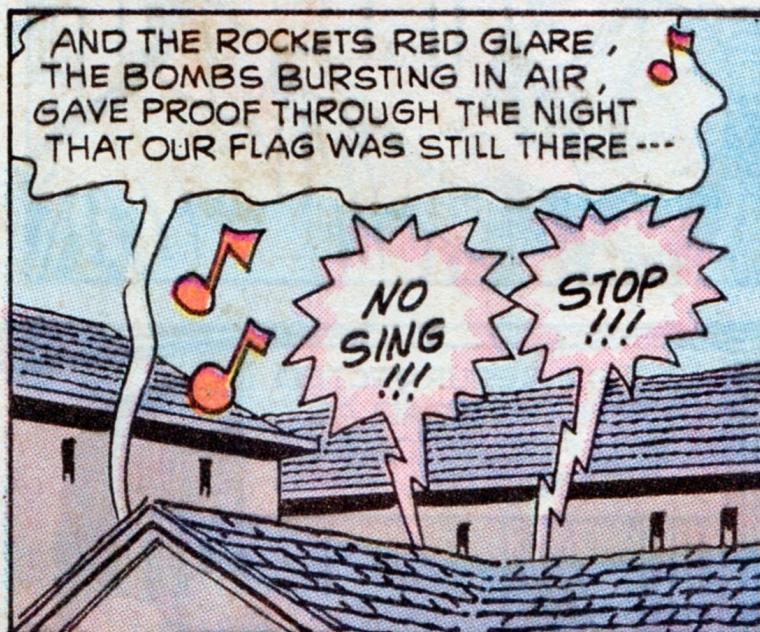
WHOSE BROAD STRIPES
AND BRIGHT STARS,
THROUGH THE
PERILOUS FIGHT---

CEASE!



ALL OF CELL BLOCK 7 WAS ALIVE
WITH THE SONG ---

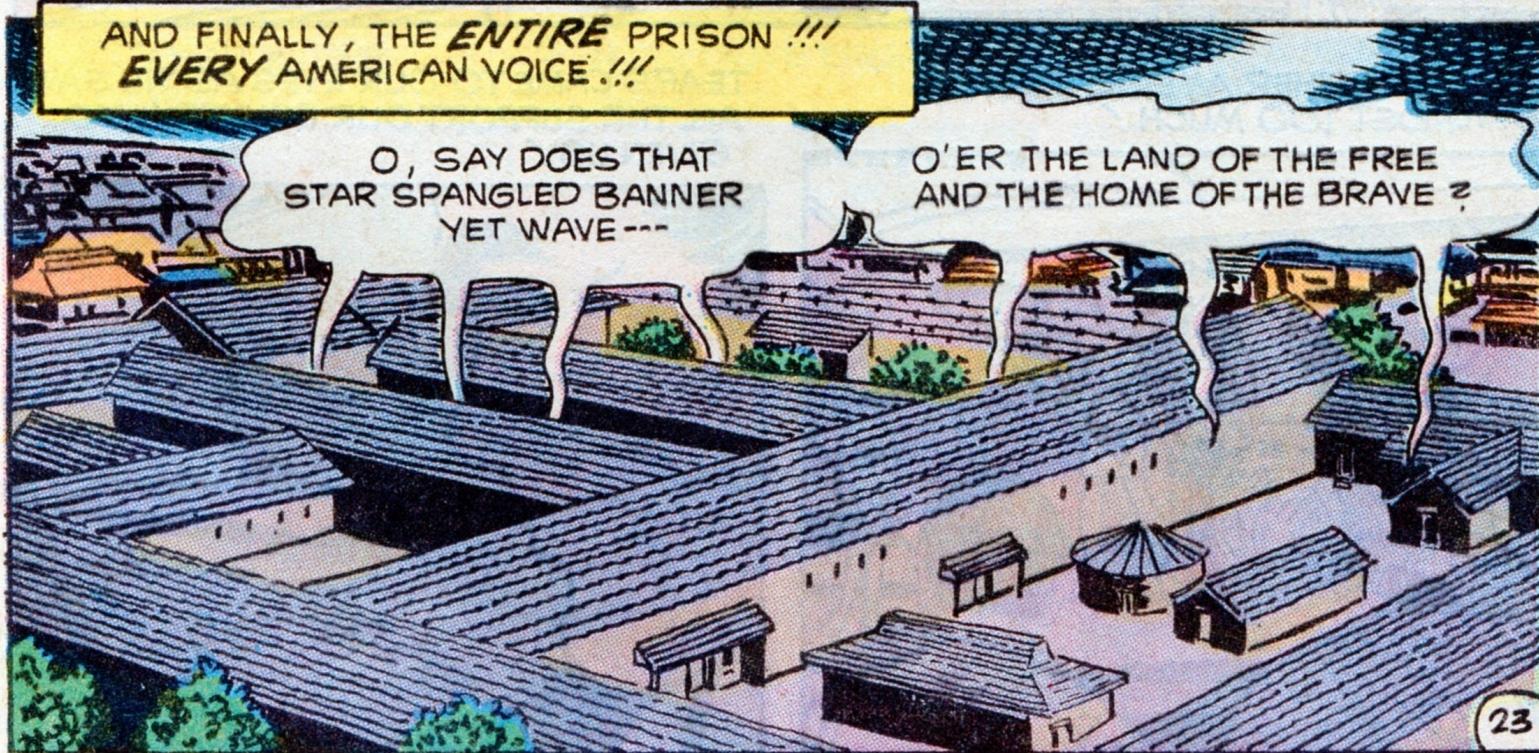
AND THE ROCKETS RED GLARE,
THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE ---



AND FINALLY, THE **ENTIRE** PRISON !!!
EVERY AMERICAN VOICE !!!

O, SAY DOES THAT
STAR SPANGLED BANNER
YET WAVE ---

O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE
AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE ?



THERE WAS
NO QUESTION
NOW! WE
WERE GOING
TO LEAVE HANOI
AS **MEN!**
STANDING TALL
AND STRAIGHT
NOT BROKEN
AND BENT!

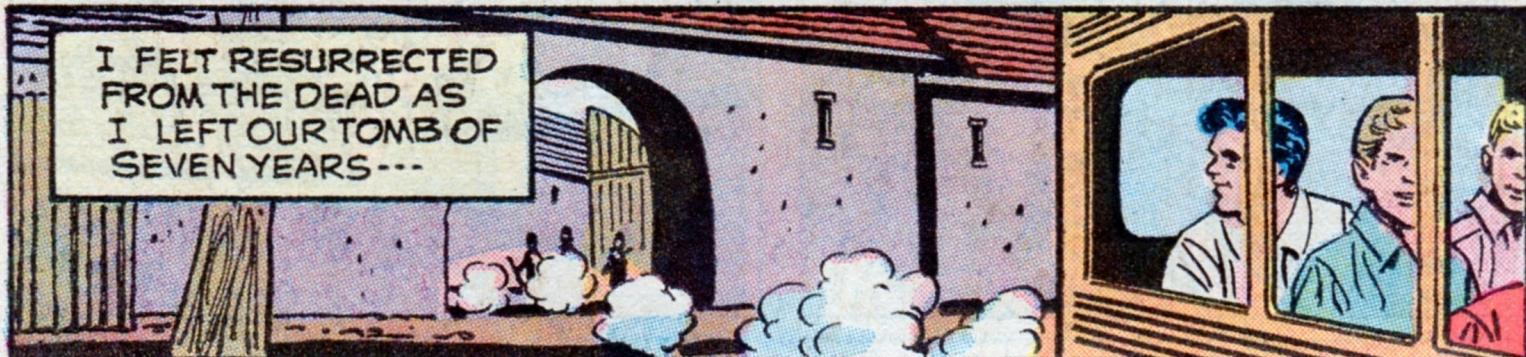


WHEN THE PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED
IN PARIS I HAD A RELUCTANT
VISITOR---

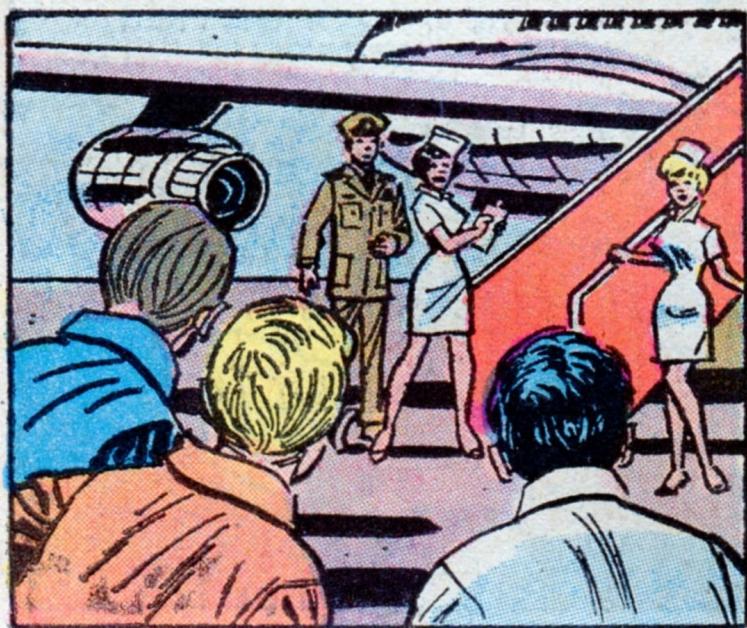
YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED
THAT YOU GET A COPY OF THE
TERMS OF YOUR RELEASE!



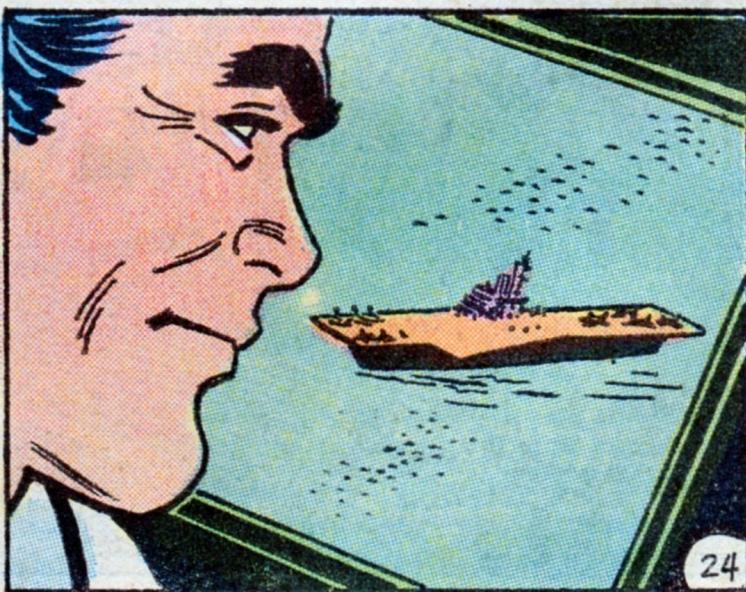
I FELT RESURRECTED
FROM THE DEAD AS
I LEFT OUR TOMB OF
SEVEN YEARS---



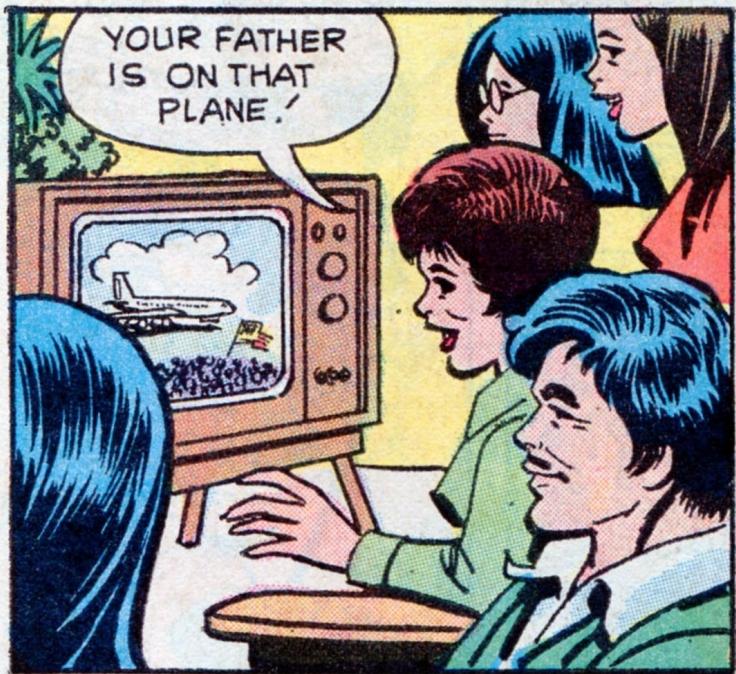
SEEING OTHER AMERICANS WAS
ALMOST TOO MUCH!



TEARS CAME TO OUR EYES AS WE SAW
ALL THE SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY HAD
GIVEN US!



FIRST STOP --- THE PHILIPPINES ---



AND THEN --- FIRST THINGS FIRST ---



AND THEN A CALL TO PHYLLIS ---



--- PHYLLIS, YOU'RE HOLDING SOMETHING BACK ---



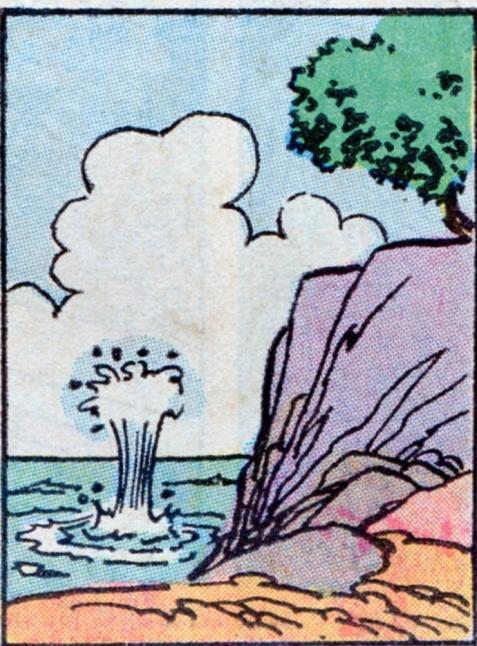
SHE TOLD ME OF OUR SON'S ACCIDENT ---



WE WERE AT THE BEACH ---



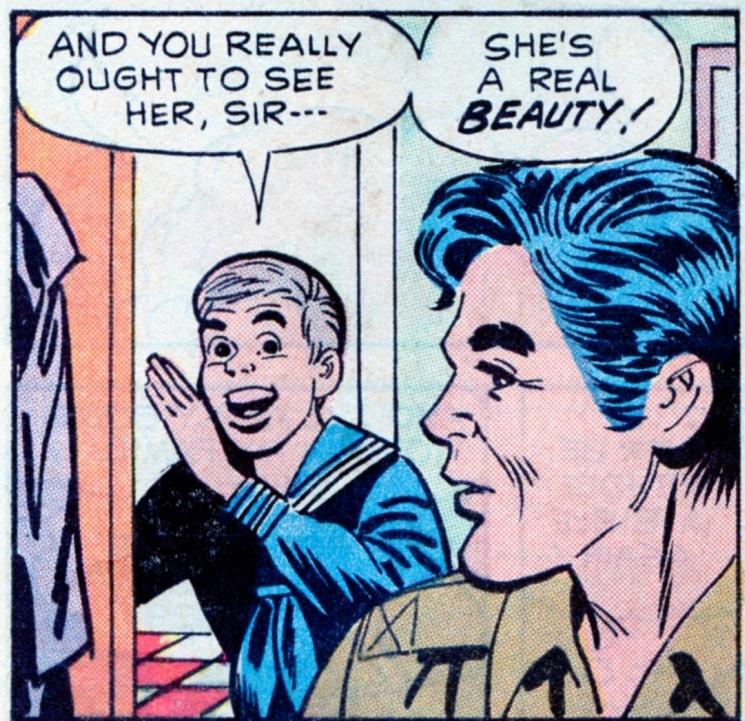
JOHN DROVE FROM THE CLIFF ---



AND HIT A SUBMERGED ROCK ---







NOW THE FINAL FLIGHT
ACROSS THE PACIFIC---

I LEFT
AMERICA
A CHURCH
DROP-OUT!

I RETURN
TRANSFORMED
BY WHAT I'VE
SEEN GOD DO
IN PRISON!

I'VE LEARNED THE
IMPORTANT THINGS
IN LIFE!

I'LL
NEVER BE
WITHOUT
A BIBLE
AGAIN.

AND I'LL APPLY GOD'S
WORD IN MY FAMILY
LIFE---
IN EVEN THE
SMALLEST
THINGS!

I THOUGHT OF MY REUNION WITH
PHYLLIS AFTER NEARLY 8 YEARS---

I'LL HOLD HER
AT ARM'S LENGTH---

I'LL LOOK
IN HER
EYES---

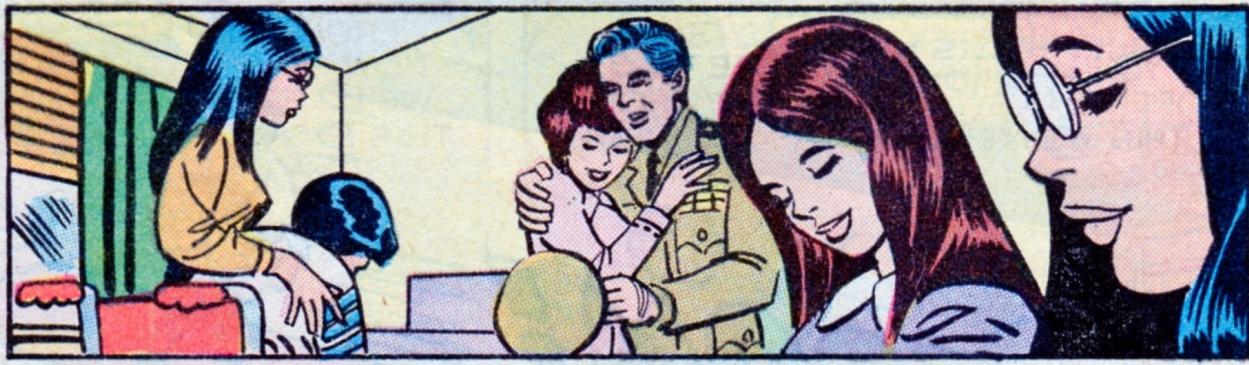
I'LL TELL
HER I LOVE
HER---

AND
THEN WE'LL
EMBRACE!

BUT PHYLLIS HAD A BETTER IDEA!

ZOOM!

THE FIRST THING WE DID AS A FAMILY WAS TO THANK GOD FOR HIS MERCY!



STRANGE---

I ALWAYS FELT PRAYER WAS A SORT OF RITUAL---

OR A SIGN OF WEAKNESS---



I KNOW BETTER NOW!

I'VE LEARNED THAT, TOO, DAD!



AND IT DOESN'T PAY TO GET HUNG-UP ON THE THINGS YOU CAN'T DO---



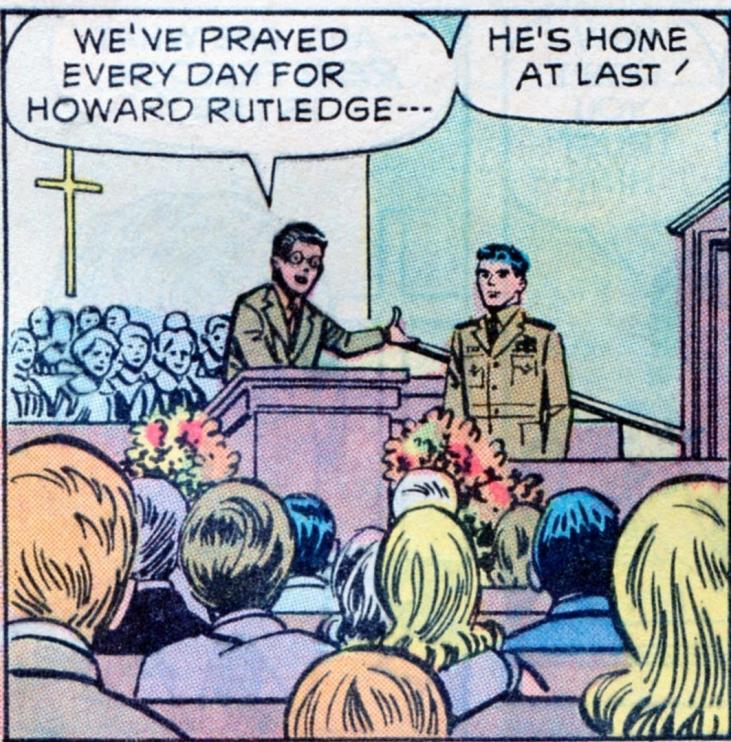
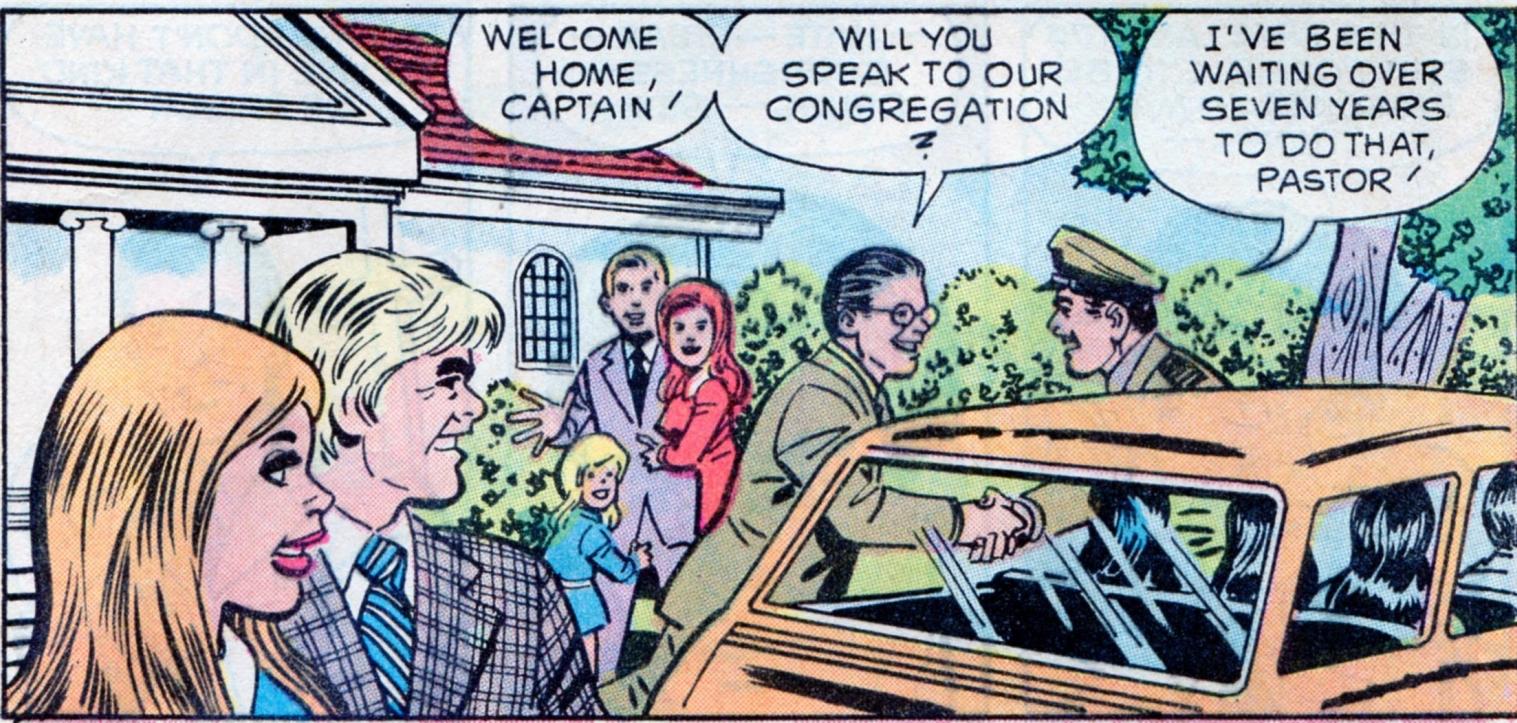
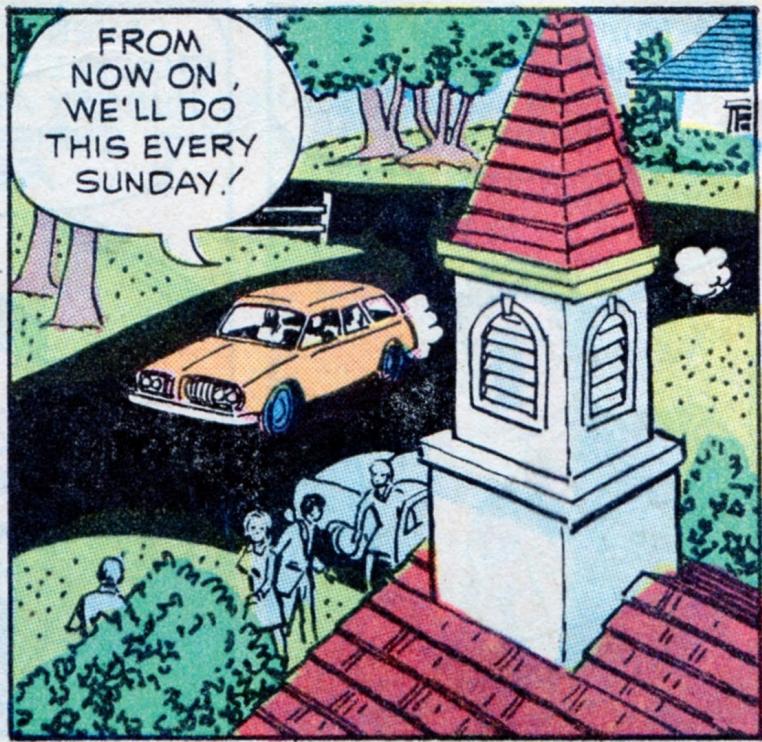
--- I'M GLAD FOR THE THINGS I CAN DO!



SON, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING---

BUT WE KNOW THAT GOD HAS PROMISED NEVER TO LEAVE US OR FORSAKE US!





---BUT GOD SHOWED
ME THAT HE STILL DOES
MIRACLES WHEN WE
TRUST HIM---



EVEN IN PRISON---
SHACKLED---TORTURED---
HUNGRY AND SICK---
CHRIST SET ME
FREE!



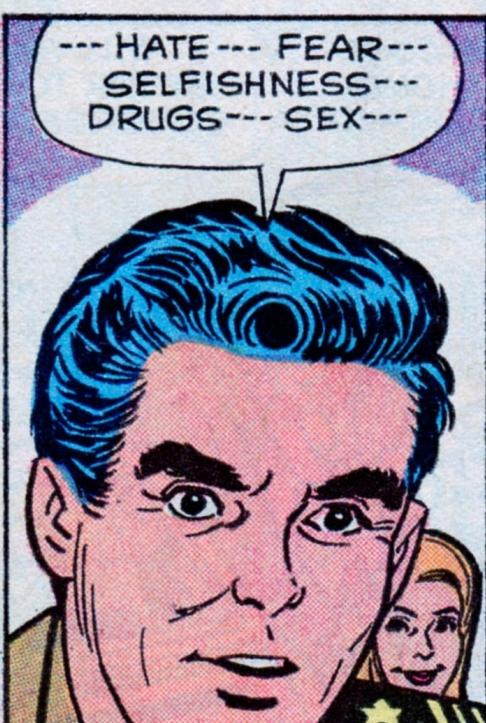
AND MY PRAYER FOR
MY BELOVED COUNTRY
IS THAT EACH OF US
WILL LEARN HOW
REAL CHRIST IS!



IN THIS FREE LAND IT'S
STILL POSSIBLE TO BE
PRISONER TO MANY
THINGS---



---HATE---FEAR---
SELFISHNESS---
DRUGS---SEX---



BUT YOU DON'T HAVE
TO LIVE IN THAT KIND
OF PRISON---



CHRIST
WILL
PARDON
YOU---
AND GIVE
YOU A
BRAND NEW
LIFE!



HE'S
READY TO
DO IT
RIGHT
NOW!

WHY
DON'T
YOU
TRUST
HIM---



---AND SEE WHAT
REAL FREEDOM
IS LIKE!



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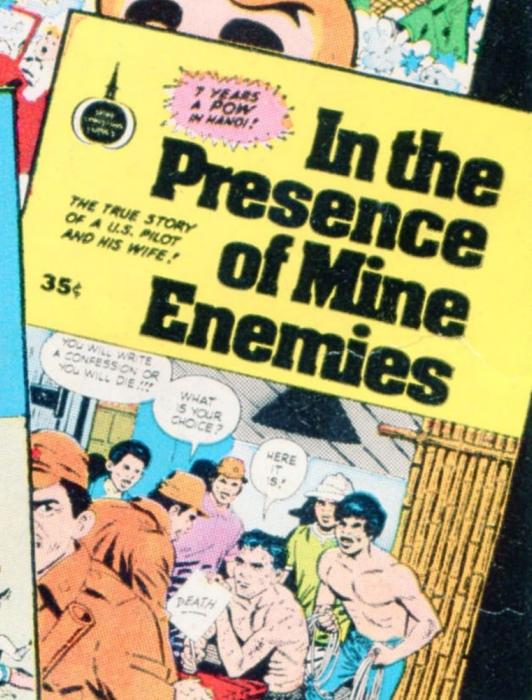
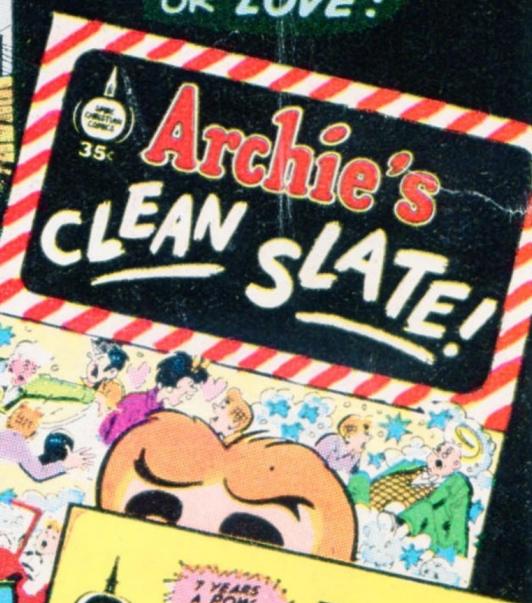
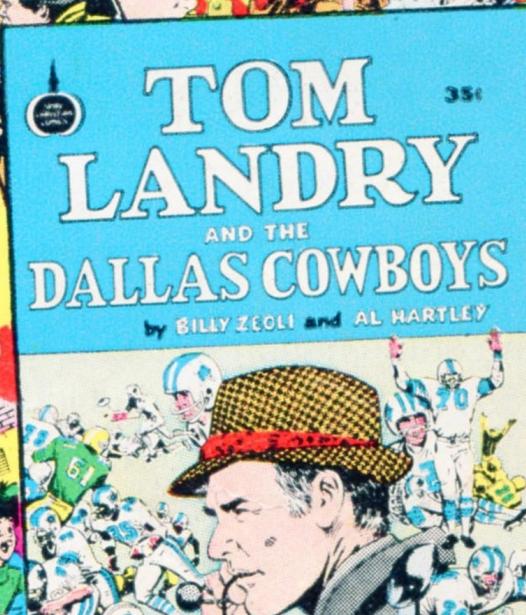
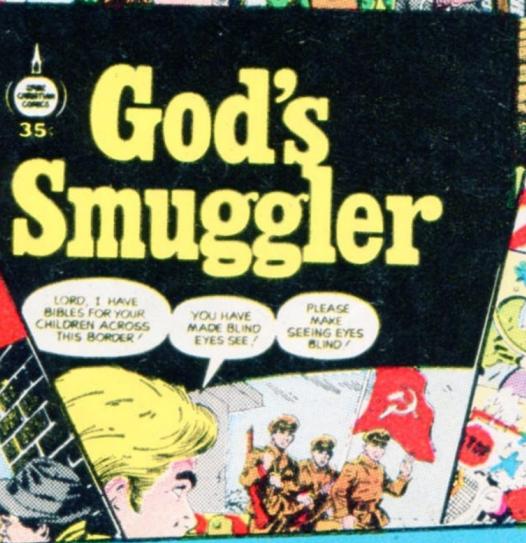
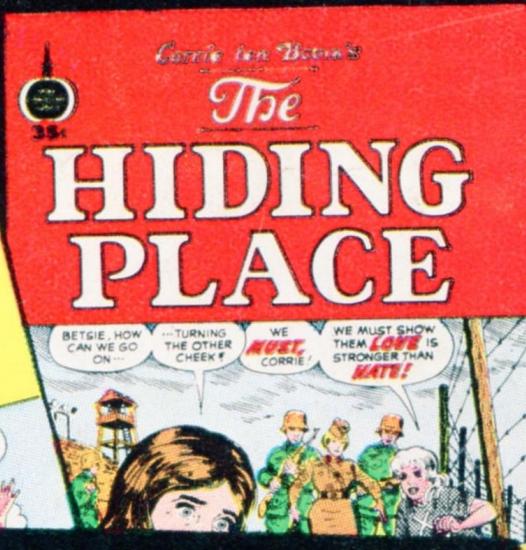
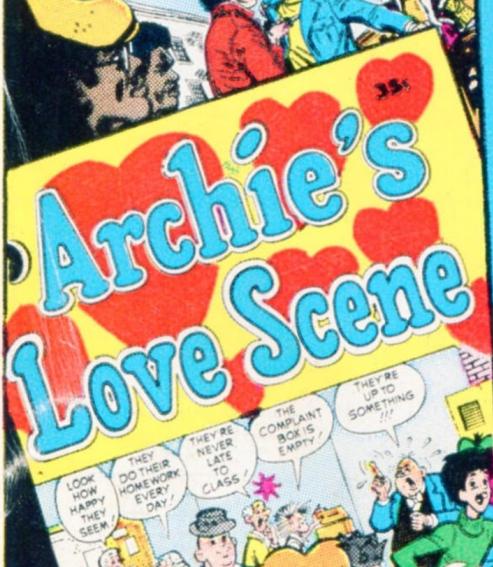
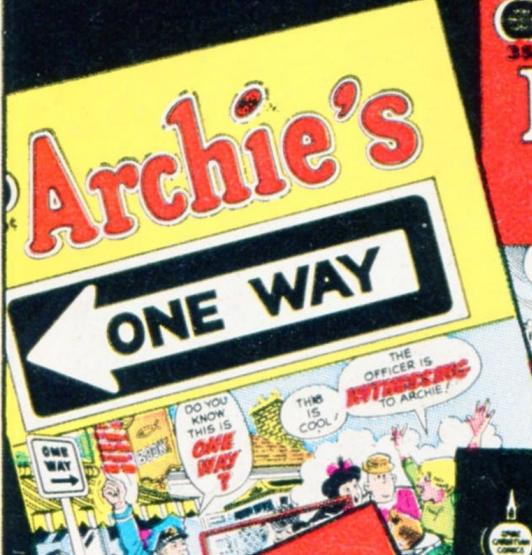
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